

REMARKS

Claims 1, 12-13, and 22-23 remain pending in the application including independent claim 1. Claims 2-11, 14-21, and 24-25 have been cancelled.

Claim 5 is indicated as allowable. Claim 5 and intervening claim 4 have been incorporated into claim 1. Thus, claims 1, 12-13, and 22-23 should now be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 12-15, and 17-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Trinh (US 6932198) in view of McEachran (US 2521988). This rejection is moot in light of the amendments set forth above.

Applicant respectfully asserts that all claims are in condition for allowance and requests an indication of such. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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